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1. IN ADDITION TO THE BILATERALS WITH EC-9, YOU SHOULD TAKE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF SYG LUNS ON OUR CONCERNS WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL AS OUTLINED REFTEL, URGING ALSO HIS DISCRETION. YOU SHOULD ALSO COMMENT TO HIM THAT WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR A SMALL, INFORMAL GROUP OF PERMREPS TO MEET AS NEEDED TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS. PARTICIPANTS IN GROUP MIGHT CONSIST OF, FOR EXAMPLE, UK, FRENCH, GERMAN AND ITALIAN PERMREPS, AS WELL AS DE STAERCKE AS DEAN.

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2. IN SUGGESTING SUCH AN INFORMAL GROUP, WHOSE
DISCUSSIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL
BASIS, WE DO NOT WISH TO REPLACE USEFUL DISCUSSIONS
WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE AMONG PERMREPS WITH PORTUGUESE
PERMREP PRESENT, NOR DO WE WISH TO SUGGEST CAUSE FOR
ALARM OR THAT WE HAVE ANY SPECIAL COURSE OF ACTION IN
MIND. HOWEVER, WE DO FEEL THE NEED FOR A GROUPING
WITHIN WHICH INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS OF RELEVANCE
TO THE ALLIES AS MEMBERS OF NATO CAN BE EXCHANGED ON A
CONTINUING BASIS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. KISSINGER

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